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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" When there is a reference made to the Committee's report in the Government Order quoted by me in the question how is it possible either for the members of this House or the public to know what circumstances compelled the Cabinet Sub-Committee to make their recommendations which the Government have accepted if the Report of the Committee is not published? If no reference had been made to this report, it would have been a different matter."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I have nothing more to add to the answer already given, Sir."

Subsidies to newspapers and journals.

* 117 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have been granting subsidies or subventions to newspapers or journals in the Province, either regularly or occasionally;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, in what shape the subsidy or subvention is given, i.e., by cash payment or by purchasing a certain number of copies of the paper or journal;

(*c*) the names of papers and journals which have received assistance in some shape or other and what such assistance has cost Government;

(*d*) whether the Government have assisted papers or journals to secure extra quota of paper required to assist their propaganda; and

(*e*) why the Government resort to this method of subsidized propaganda when they have a Publicity department of their own?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*), (*c*) & (*e*) The question does not arise.

" (*d*) The answer is in the negative."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Am I to understand that the Government have never purchased copies of any journal in the past for the purpose of distribution? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It may have been so, Sir."

SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" Is it not a fact, Sir, that 5,000 copies of the *Swatantra* were purchased by the Government for the purpose of distribution? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I do not know whether they actually purchased it or not. If you make a specific demand for investigation of this matter, Government will certainly enquire into the matter."

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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" When a general question of this nature is put, can we not expect Government to investigate into the matter and furnish the information? Why should the Government say that we should ask a specific question? Is it necessary to put a specific question for the purpose of knowing whether a particular journal has been assisted and only if there is a specific question, the matter becomes important? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It is not a specific question that I referred to but I wanted specific instances."

House Surgeons and House Physicians in the city hospitals.

* 118 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health and Medicine be pleased to state—

(a) the number of posts, paid and unpaid House Physicians and House Surgeons, in the city hospitals and mufassal hospitals;

(b) on what considerations paid and unpaid House Surgeons and House Physicians are selected;

(c) whether there is any difference in the treatment accorded to the two categories of House Surgeons and House Physicians;

(d) whether these officers are provided with rent-free quarters;

(e) whether there is any proposal under consideration to increase the number of these officers;

(f) whether every student passing out of the Medical College can secure one of the posts on application;

(g) whether the entertainment of Medical graduates as House Surgeons and House Physicians is intended to equip them better professionally; and

(h) whether there is a proposal to abolish the distinction between paid and unpaid House Surgeons and House Physicians and convert them all into paid posts?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) The number of posts of paid House Surgeons and House Physicians in the Government hospitals in the City and mufassal is 139 and the number of unpaid posts is 96.

" (b) The candidates are selected as far as possible, to represent the various communities in the Province. Paid and unpaid appointments are given to those candidates who have passed the final examination with a good record, according to the order of merit as evidenced by the results of their examinations.

" (c) & (d) Paid House Surgeons and House Physicians are given a subsistence allowance of Rs. 60 per mensem and free quarters or a house allowance in lieu thereof. Unpaid men are not given any allowance but are given free quarters wherever they are available.

Paid men in teaching hospitals are required to be on duty for 24 hours of the day and also to attend to emergency calls.